

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 7, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated November 1, 2004. Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 11, 15 to 19, 21 to 25 and 29 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 15 and 29 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the continuing indication that Claims 6 to 10 and 20 to 24, as originally presented, contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants further thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative in an interview on November 8, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed the Amendment After Final Rejection dated September 20, 2004 which was not entered. As the Amendment After Final Rejection was not entered, the present Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection is submitted with amendments made to claims as the claims read after the last entered Amendment of April 26, 2004.

Claims 1 to 11, 15 to 25 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to remove references to the graphical object features of the invention. Furthermore, in accordance with the Examiner's reasons given in his indication of allowable subject matter for Claim 6 in the Office Action of November 9, 2001 (Paper no. 9) and as discussed with the Examiner, Claim 1 has been

amended to incorporate the features of original Claim 6. Specifically, the rendering means of Claim 1 now renders an output image having frame information for an image. The frame information includes fitting information fitted into a frame of the frame information by a fitting means with the fitting information designated by a designation means for the fitting information. Therefore, Applicants submit that amended Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 15 and 29 are method and storage medium claims, respectively, corresponding to Claim 1. Applicants' submit that the discussion from above in regard to Claim 1 applies equally to Claim 15 and 29. Therefore, Applicants submit that amended Claims 15 and 29 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Dependent Claims 6 and 20 are canceled. Amended dependent Claim 7 now depends from Claim 1 and amended dependent Claim 21 now depends from Claim 15.

During the discussion the Examiner, it was agreed that the initial indication of allowability in regard to Claims 20 to 24 may have been premature as Claims 20 to 24 did not provide proper antecedent basis for some of the claim elements. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicants have reviewed the claims and made amendments to ensure each element of each claim has the correct antecedent basis.

The remaining dependent claims are each dependent from the amended independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, individual consideration of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and no other matters being raised in the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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